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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated 23 April 2002, Applicant requests that the application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 54, 55 and 56 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

50. (Amended) A method of determining a propensity for developing a disease or condition in a subject at risk of developing said disease or condition, wherein said disease or condition is selected from the group consisting of a lower than normal HDL level, a higher than normal triglyceride level, and a cardiovascular disease, said method comprising determining the presence or absence of at least